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| <b>Notice of Allowability</b> | <b>Application No.</b>     | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |  |
|                               | 09/663,942                 | MAUBRU, MIREILLE    |  |
|                               | Examiner<br>Eisa B. Elhilo | Art Unit<br>1751    |  |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on June 10, 2005.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 10-12 and 14.
3.  The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
 of the:
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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Patent Examiner  
Art Unit 1751

### **DETAILED ACTION**

- 1 This office action is responsive to the amendment filed on June 10, 2005.
- 2 The rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Blzer et al. (EP 0 601 302 A1), is withdrawn because of the applicant's amendment.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

- 3 The application has been amended as follows:

#### **In the specification:**

In page 1, under the title, in a separate paragraph insert, -- This application is a CIP of the US. Application No. 09/068,964, filed on May 20, 1998 and now a US. Patent No. 6,136,042 which is a 371 of PCT/FR97/00885 filed on May 20, 1997. --.

- 4 Applicant's arguments filed 6/10/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive because the specification does not exclude the formula of the species Acid Brown 4 that recited within the Markush group of the species of the claimed formulae.

- 5 Claims 10-12 and 14 are allowed.

### **STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

- 6 The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Among the Markush group of the species of the claimed formulae (I), (I'), (II), (II'), (V), (VI), (VI'), (VII) and (IX), the species Acid Brown is excluded by the recited proviso. Therefore, the rejection of the claims based on the prior art (EP 0 601 302A1), that teaches the species Acid Brown 4 is withdrawn because of the recited proviso. Accordingly, the claimed subject matter as a whole would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art of hair dyeing formulation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eisa B. Elhilo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1315. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (8:00 -5:30) with alternate Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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